



# MEDINA, WASHINGTON

## AGENDA BILL

Tuesday March 24, 2026

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| <p><b>Subject:</b> Amendments to MMC 16.52 - Tree Management Code “Short-term Solutions”</p> <p><b>Origin:</b> City Council</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Discussion</p> <p><b>Prepared by:</b> Steven Wilcox, Dev. Services Director and Andy Crossett City Arborist</p> <p><b>Attachments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council Agenda Bill - March 9, 2026</li><li>• Lists of Suitable Trees – March 2026</li></ul> | <p><b>Proposed Council Action/Motion:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Discuss</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Provide Direction</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adopt/Approve</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> |
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### **Planning Commission Action**

This evening our City Arborist Andy Crossett will provide the Planning Commission with an overview of Council directed amendments to Medina Municipal Code 16.52 -Tree Management Code.

Formal action is not requested by the Planning Commission this evening. However, the Chair’s direction to staff under “Recommendation” is needed.

On April 28, 2026 a recommendation to the Council from the Planning Commission will be needed.

### **Summary**

Please refer to the Council Agenda Bill dated March 9, 2026 for background information on this topic. The “Proposed Council Motion” was approved by the Council as drafted within the Agenda Bill. The Motion indicates that the Council would like for the six bullet points listed under “Proposed Amendments” to be approved by the Planning Commission.

The City Council has indicated that there is value to amending existing Medina Municipal Code 16.52 – Tree Management Code. These proposed amendments are viewed as “Short-Term Solutions” to specific issues that had been identified.

Within the 2027 City budget process this coming Summer and Fall, there will be discussion of a review of MMC 16.52 with potential of more comprehensive amendments.

**Recommendation:** Chair directs staff to produce a draft ordinance for review by the Planning Commission on April 28, 2026.

**Proposed Motion:** None.

**Process Summarized**

March 9, 2026 Council Meeting

- Council identified and reiterated desired amendments within MMC 16.52 and directed staff to bring the topic to the Planning Commission.
- The Motion to send the topic to the Planning Commission includes specific requirements the Council will want in a recommendation. These requirements are found within the Agenda Bill provided for your review as six bullet points under "Proposed Amendments".

March 19, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting

- Planning Commission receives the City Arborist's topic overview.
- Planning Commission directs staff to produce a draft ordinance.

April 28, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting

- Planning Commission reviews a draft ordinance of the MMC 16.52 proposed amendments discussed on March 19, 2026.
- Planning Commission directs staff to take their recommendation to the Council.

May 11, 2026 Council Meeting

- Council reviews and adopts the Planning Commission's recommendation.

**Note:** *There is potential that the Planning Commission recommendation to the Council will need to be reviewed for SEPA, and to also be sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce for their review.*